



CATTAIL
MARSH

Hide-and-Seek!



If birds played hide-and-seek, **American bitterns** would win every time. When pesky predators or nosy bird-watchers come calling, bitterns don't move a feather. Instead, these cattail-colored birds try their best to blend in by standing dead-still with their beaks pointing straight up. Sometimes they even rock back and forth, hoping to look like a cattail swaying in the breeze. They hide so well, bitterns are more often heard than seen. Their mating call—a loud, booming *unk-a-lunk*—can carry half a mile across the marshes where they live.

**CAN YOU
FIND THE 10
BITTERNS WE HID
IN THE MARSH?**

To see where we hid all 10 bitterns in the photo, go to www.xplormo.org/node/11713.